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- 1. THE FOLLEWING IS OFFERED AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST
 TO CHIEF OF STATION AND OTHER BONN OFFICERS. HAD OCCASION
 TO TALK WITH UTILITY ON 17 NOV, ANTE-FENULTIMATE EVE BEFORE
 ELECTION IN BAVARIA. HIS OPINIONS AND COMMENTS ON NUMBER OF
 ITEMS MAY BE OF BACKGROUND INTEREST.
- 2. UTILITY SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE FPD WAS GOING TO LOSE IN BAVARIAN ELECTIONS. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF BOTH THE SPD AND THE CSU, BUT HE COULD NOT NATURALLY TELL TO WHAT DEGREE. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH HE DID NOT FORECAST ANY RISE IN THE NPD'S FORTUNES IN THE BAVARIAN ELECTIONS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE DID NOT EVEN MENTION THEM. I TRIED TO JOG SOME COMMENT OUT OF HIM WITHOUT LUCK.
- 3. HE SAID THAT IF THE FPD LOST APPRECIABLY IN BAVARIA, THEY WOULD NOT SHOW THEMSELVES TO BE SUITABLE COALITION

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PARTNERS. HE THOUGHT THAT IN ANY EVENT (AND THIS IS NOT A NEW OPINION) THAT IN NATURAL CHURSE OF EVENTS GERMANY HEAD-ING TOWARDS A GRAND COALITION OF THE SPD AND THE DDU/CSU.

- COUNTRY WERE SO GREAT AND HAD TO BE DEALT WITH 80 BROADLY
 THAT ONLY THE TWO BIG PARTIES TOGETHER COULD OVERCOME THE
 PROBLEMS. HE SAID THAT THE SPD WAS IN PAVOR OF ACTION ON A
 NUMBER OF ITEMS, AND HE ESPECIALLY HENTIONED THE UPCOMING
 EMERGENCY LAWS. HE SAID THAT IF THE SPD WERE IN MACE
 THE GOVT, IT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE AN OPPOSITION STAND TO THE
 EMERGENCY LAW. THIS IT DID NOT WANT TO DO, OR AT LEAST NONE
 OF THE "REASONABLE PEOPLE OF THE PARTY," AS HE PUT IT,
 WANTED TO OPPOSE THE EMERGENCY LAW.
- 5. THIS DISCUSSION LED TO THE NAME OF STRAUSS. AS UTILITY PUT IT, "YOU KNOW, I AM NOT ESPECIALLY A GREAT FRIEND OF STRAUSS', BUT WE MUST LOOK AT THE MAN AS HE IS."

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UTILITY SAID THAT FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, STRAUSS HAS BEEN QUIETLY STUDYING ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. WITH HIS MESTANDING OF ECONOMICS. HE HAS, THEREFORE, BUILT UP THAT WHICH WAS MISSING IN HIS MAKEUP. IN ADDITION, HE KNOWS ABOUT DEFENSE AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, AND OF COURSE, AS POR POLITICS, HE HAS IT IN EVERY VEIN. STRAUSS HAS MATURED, HE HAS RIPENED; HE HAS CHANGED FOR THE BETTER.

GAULLEIST. HE IS NOT. HE MERELY TAKES THE STAND THAT
FRANCE AND GERMANY MUST WORK TOGETHER. AND THAT DOES HOT
MEAN THAT WE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN PRANCE'S AND GERMANY'S
WORKING TOGETHER AND BEING AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. NO
SUCH DECISION IS NECESSARY. WE WOULD WORK TOGETHER IN THE
MOST CAREFUL CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED
STATES, UTILITY SAID.

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- 7. EFFEK BUT GOING ON ABOUT FRANCE AND DEGAULLE,
 UTILITY CONTINUED, ONE OF THE REBULTS OF DEGAULLIST POLICIES IS TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES
 THAT NATO DOESN'T WORK. IT'S NOT THE IDEA THAT NATO IS NO GOOD. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS. BUT IT SIMPLY DOES NOT FUNCTION CORRECTLY.
- 8. UTILITY COMMENTED THAT "ALL THE MILITARY MEN IN EUROPE (AND HE MEMTIONED LEMNITZER BY NAME) TAKE THE EUROPEAN VIEW," ON MATO'S FAULTS, IT IS ONLY THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY IN WASHINGTON WHERE THEY DO NOT HAVE THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY THAT MILITARY MEN HERE IN EUROPE BEAR THAT THEY SEE THE SITUATION SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY. IN THIS RESPECT HE AGAIN BROUGHT UP HIS VIEWS ABOUT SECRETARY MCNAMARA AND HIS REFERENCES TO HIM AS A LOGICAL "THINKING MACHINE."
- 9. IN CONNECTION WITH ANOTHER MATTER I HAD RAISED WITH HIM, UTILITY SAID HE HAD BEEN SPEAKING RECENTLY WITH

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WEENER HAD TOLD HIM ("AND WHO KNOWS THE COMPENSISTS BETTER TRAN WEENER?") THAT THERE WAS NO POINT TO TALKING WITH THE SOVIET UNION (ABOUT GERMAN PROBLEMS). THE SOVIET UNION, WEENER SAID, IS BOING TO TALK TO GERMANY WEENE WHEN THE SOVIET UNION WANTS TO. THAT WILL BE AFTER THE SOVIET UNION HAS ISOLATED WEST GERMANY FROM EVERYONE ELSE AND PUT IT IN AN AWKWARD POSITION AND THEN IS GOING TO COME IN WITH ITS ENTICING OFFERS OF THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER. AND THEN UNDERNEATH THE SOVIET SKIRT "ONE WILL SEE THE CLOVEN HOOF OF THE DEVIL," SAID UTILITY.

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